



Westwood Center-Dearborn Heights

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2014-15 educational progress for the Westwood Alternative Education. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact (313) 565-1900 for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://www.mischooldata.org/NewAer/CombinedReport2.aspx> or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2013-2014 school year Westwood Alternative Education did not reach its state target for the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Westwood Alternative Education is working to improve student achievement in order to meet the AYP target. Parents are welcome to be a part of our school improvement process by attending parent meetings and providing us with feedback to be considered as we work to address our areas of need.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – status

AYP Status is based on student participation and proficiency in mathematics and reading. Attendance targets must be met for elementary, middle schools, and graduation rate targets must be met for high schools and districts.

Top to Bottom Ranking – Detail Data and Status

Information used to rank schools is based on the development of the Top to Bottom list of schools and their performance. Each school's Top to Bottom ranking will be based on student achievement, student growth over time, school improvement over time, and achievement gaps across all five tested subjects (mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing).

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Process for Assigning Pupils to the School:

Westwood Alternative Education is a part of the Westwood Community School District which is a school of choice district. We accept non-traditional students from across Wayne County.

2. The Status of the School Improvement Plan:

The school improvement plan is a part of a continuous cycle of improvements. Westwood Alternative Education continues to implement improvements to its school to fit its non-traditional student population.

3. A Brief Description of the School:

Westwood Alternative Education is located in the city of Dearborn and is a part of the Westwood Community School District. We educate non-traditional students in grade 9-12.

4. The Core Curriculum:

The core curriculum at Westwood Alternative Education has been closely aligned to the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State of Michigan. If you would like to access a copy, please contact the Westwood Community School District.

5. Student Achievement Results for M-STEP:

For the 2014-2015 Testing Cycle, 18.2% of our students tested as Proficient or Partially Proficient in 11th grade content level Mathematics. That is 10.3% lower than the average for the state of Michigan and represents an increase from 2013-2014 when our students were <10% Proficient in both categories. In ELA, 27.3% of our students tested as Proficient or Partially Proficient. That falls short of the State average of 49.3%. 54.6% of our students were Proficient or Partially Proficient in Social Studies, which was an improvement over the 2013-2014 school year when less than 10% of students tested were found to be proficient in that area.

6. Parent Teacher Conferences:

In the Fall of 2015, we had an 80% participation rate for Parent Teacher Conferences.

This Annual Education Report gives us insight into what our students need to be successful. The staff members at Westwood Alternative Education work hard to enhance the educational programs provided to students. Parents and community members can become involved in accomplishing our vision of becoming a premier learning community by participating in parent meetings, completing surveys, or by volunteering at the school on a regular basis. Please contact the Westwood Community School District for more information.

Sincerely,

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